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1. FURTHER TO THE SUBJECT OF MALAYSIAN SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIANS (REFTEL), FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU RITHAUDDEEN SAID APRIL 20 IN THE SENATE, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, THAT GOM SUPPORT HAS NEVER BEEN MERE LIP SERVICE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, RITHAUDDEEN SAID THAT BESIDES MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT AT INTERNATIONAL FORUM, THE GOM HAS GIVEN MODEST FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) AND THROUGH THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOM PROVIDES FACILITIES TO THE PLO REP IN K.L.

2. RITHAUDDEEN ADDED:  
"WE SHALL CONSIDER MORE ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING SENDING OF VOLUNTEERS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, WHEN THE NEED ARISES. FOR THE MOMENT, WE ARE QUITE CONFIDENT THAT THE ARABS  
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THEMSELVES HAVE THE RESOURCES AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO MEET THE ISRAELI THREAT."

3. AT THE SAME TIME, RITHAUDDEEN SAID THAT MALAYSIA CONDEMNED THE RECENT ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LEBANON AND CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL

OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM SOUTH LEBANON.

4. IN HIS QUESTION, SENATOR HAJI MOHAMED AMIN YAAKUB HAD WANTED TO KNOW MALAYSIA'S STAND ON ISRAEL AND ITS ATTACKS ON PALESTINE AND WHETHER CONDEMNING SUCH AN ACTION, SEVERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO PALESTINE ARE "ALL THAT WE CAN DO". THE SENATOR ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THE GOM WOULD GIVE MORE EFFECTIVE ASISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIANS "SUCH AS SETTING UP A VOLUNTEER FORCE IN MALYSIA TO COMBAT ISRAELI TERRORISM AND PROVIDING MEDICAL AID TO VICTIMS OF THE ATTACKS SO THAT MALAYSIA'S SUPPORT WILL NOT BE EXPRESSED IN WORDS ONLY. (NOTE: AMIN IS AN OPPOSITION ISLAMIC PARTY (PAS) SENATOR FROM KELANTAN.)

5. THIS REPLY IN RITHAUDDEEN'S NAME WAS PRESUMABLY READ IN THE SENATE BY SOMEONE ELSE SINCE THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS IN BANGLADESH. THE STATEMENT CAN BE TAKEN AS PREPARED IN ADVANCE AND THEREFORE AUTHORITATIVE.

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